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### DETAILED ACTION

1. The reply filed on February 3, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant stated that the foreign application priority data of the Italian Patent application No. MI98A001769 was filed on July 30, 1998 (see statement of translator section). This is inconsistent with the foreign application priority data as shown in the U.S. Patent No. 6215688, which shows the foreign application priority data of the Italian Patent application No. MI98A001769 was filed on *September* 30, 1998. Accordingly, the record of the instant application regarding the foreign application priority data is unclear. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

### Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jack Chen whose telephone number is (571)272-1689. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (9:00am-6:30pm) alternate Monday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl W Whitehead can be reached on (571)272-1702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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